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On the Cover: This male *Photinus* firefly, about $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in size, was “a macro challenge” according to wildlife photographer Bill Byrne. Bill caught it flashing one evening in Westboro, then photographed it the next morning as it briefly investigated a sprig of goldenrod before taking flight. He used a 105mm Nikon macro lens plus a 25 mm extension tube in combination with primary and secondary flash units to capture the image on Fuji Velvia 100 film.

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